

I'm writing in support of 04-186. I am a WISP and the area that I service is extremely rural. There are many trees which prevent line of site communications. The residents in these areas are too far from the telco central office and are spread far enough apart that the local cable operator isn't interested in providing them with broadband.

With the passage of 04-186 these citizens and many many more like them across the United States would be able to communicate digitally for the first time faster than the equivalence of a 14.4k baud modem. Auctioning off these frequencies would only ensure that these same citizens will continue to be tied down to the slow access or none at all. Passage of 04-186 is essential to providing them with true broadband and moving President Bush's Technology Agenda forward.